

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 are present in this application, claims 1, 7 and 8 being canceled by way of the present amendment. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 2, 3 and 6 were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants greatly appreciate the indication of patentable subject matter in these claims. Claims 2 and 6 are rewritten in independent form and claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 2. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants would like to note that the Office Action refers at several points to the "control means unit" although this language was amended to "control unit" in the preliminary amendment. The "control means unit" also appears in the discussion of the reasons for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request that the reasons for allowance be corrected to refer to the "control unit" of claims 2 and 6.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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